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1/26/04 Structure" Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated August 19, 2003. A petition for a one month extension of time to respond is attached, along with a check for the fee therefor. All remarks herein are made without prejudice.